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## THE COLONIAL LINCOLNS

### FIVE GENERATIONS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S KINSMEN

THERE is an old biblical proverb that goes something like this, "A prophet is not without honor, but in his own country, and among his own kin." Possibly there may be a few members of the Lincoln family who have not fully realized that one of their own kinsmen has become America's most revered personality, and, according to H. G. Wells, the English historian, one of the six greatest characters produced since the beginning of time.

One who truly appreciates the place which Abraham Lincoln now occupies in world civilization, will immediately sense that every fact which can be gathered about his forebears is extremely important. Inherited tendencies still play a major part in the behavior of individuals and the noble characteristics which found expression in Lincoln's unique personality were not accidental.

According to Henry C. Whitney, "Secretary Wells states that he has heard President Lincoln say, more than once, that when he laid down his official life he would endeavor to

trace out his genealogy and family history." It is evident from excerpts of letters which he wrote that he had more than a passing interest in the Lincoln family tree. The ancestral line of but one of his four grandparents has been traced and that one is presented in brief in this first issue of "*The Lincoln Kinsman*."

The Colonial Lincolns embrace five generations of the family. The earliest group were contemporaneous with the Pilgrim Fathers while many members of the fifth generation saw service in the war for American independence. During this period members of the Lincoln clan migrated to nearly every one of the colonies.

The long list of names and dates appearing in this bulletin would not have been possible without the use of the *History of the Lincoln Family* by Waldo Lincoln. The decimal letter system used in this compilation identifies the lineal descent of each individual. (ad) is the fourth child of (a). The first child of (ad) is (ada) the three letters indicating also the third generation.

*First Generation*a. **Samuel, 1619-1690.**

\_\_\_\_\_, Martha.

*Second Generation*aa. **Samuel, 1650-1721.**

Hersey, Deborah.

ab. **Daniel, 1653-1732.**

Lincoln, Elizabeth.

ac. **Mordecai, 1655-1655.**ad. **Mordecai, 1657-1727.**

1. Jones, Sarah.

2. Chapin, Mrs. Mary (Hobart) (w).

ae. **Thomas, 1659-1661.**af. **Mary, 1662-1752.**

Bates, Joseph.

ag. **Thomas, 1664-1715.**

1. \_\_\_\_ Mary.

2. Frost, Methitable.

ah. **Martha, 1667-1741.**ai. **Sarah, 1669-1669.**aj. **Sarah, 1671-1743.**ak. **Rebecca, 1674-1757.**

1. Clarke, John.

2. Nichols, Israel.

*Third Generation*aaa. **Deborah, 1689-1711.**

Lincoln, James.

aab. **Samuel, 1691-1758.**

1. Cushing, Ruth.

2. Thaxter, Mrs. Grace  
(Stockbridge) (w).aac. **Jedediah, 1692-1783.**

1. Whiton, Bethia.

2. Barker, Mrs. Mary (Jacob)  
(w).aad. **Mary, 1694-1715.**

Fearing, Nathaniel.

aae. **Rebecca, 1697-?.**

Leavitt, Abraham.

aaf. **Elisha, 1699-1783.**

Lewis, Sarah.

aag. **Lydia, 1701-?.**

Joy, John.

aah. **Abigail, 1704-1767.**

Lincoln, Matthew.

aai. **Susanna, 1706-1760.**

Lincoln, Josiah.

aba. **Obadiah, 1679-1727.**

Gill, Susanna.

abb. **Hezekiah, 1681-1755.**

1. Farrow, Percilla.

2. Horswell, Mary.

abc. **Elizabeth, 1689-1746.**

Nichols, Nathaniel.

abd. **Isaac, 1691-1727.**abe. **Martha, 1695-?.**

Lincoln, Moses.

ada. **Mordecai, 1686-1736.**

1. Saltar, Hannah.

2. Robeson, Mary.

adb. **Abraham, 1689-1745.**

\_\_\_\_\_, Rebecca.

adc. **Isaac, 1691-1771.**

1. Cummings, Sarah.

2. Garrett, Jael.

add. **Sarah, 1694-1754.**

Tower, Daniel.

ade. **Elizabeth, 1703-1724.**

Cole, Ambrose.

adf. **Jacob, 1708-1780.**

1. Holbrook, Mary.

2. Marble, Mrs. Susanna  
(Warrick) (w).aga. **Martha, 1686-(1686).**agb. **Methitable, 1691-(1728).**

Foss, Samuel.

agc. **Mary, 1692-?.**

Allen, William.

agd. **Martha, 1695-1753.**

Hudson, Joseph.

age. **Thomas, 1697-?.**agf. **Elizabeth, 1699-(1709).**agg. **John, 1702-(1709).**agh. **Thomas, 1704-1724.**agi. **Charles, ?-?.**

Farnum, Mary.

agj. Sarah, 1712-1777.

Pratt, Phineas.

*Fourth Generation*

aaba. Samuel, 1715-1783.

1. Bates, Mary.

2. Lincoln, Mrs. Frances  
(Jones) (w).

aabb. Deborah, 1718-1769.

Thaxter, David.

aabc. Jonathan, 1720-1798.

Lincoln, Susanna.

aabd. Seth, 1726-1751.

aabe. Ruth, 1729-1731.

aabf. Ruth, 1732-1732.

aabg. Ruth, 1733-1761.

Cushing, David.

aabh. John, 1735-1811.

Jacob, Lydia.

aabi. Margaret, 1742-?.

aaca. Jedediah, 1718-1759.

1. Scarlett, Mary.

2. Jones, Frances.

aacb. Enoch, 1721-1802.

1. Fearing, Rachel.

2. Ripley, Mrs. Lydia (Hobart) (w).

aacc. Mary, 1724-1752.

Porter, John.

aacd. William, 1729-1792.

Otis, Mary.

aace. Levi, 1734-1734.

— — —

aafa. Grace, 1725-1781.

Bates, Joshua.

aafb. Sarah, 1726-1745.

aafc. Hannah, 1729-1741.

aafdf. Elisha, 1731-1731.

aafe. Elisha, 1732-1741.

aaff. Ezekiel, 1734-1776.

Whitcomb, Elizabeth.

aafg. Levi, 1736-1745.

aafh. Achsah, 1738-1811.

Whitcomb, Israel.

aafi. Samuel, 1741-1741.

aafj. Hannah, 1742-1805.

Pritchard, Theodore.

aafk. Susanna, 1744-?.

aafl. Sarah, 1747-1838.

Whitcomb, Lot.

— — —

abaa. Thomas, 1709-1712.

abab. Elizabeth, ?-?.

abac. Susanna, 1713-1729.

abad. Daniel, 1719-1771.

Kilby, Catherine.

abae. Thomas, 1723-1784.

Kilby, Mrs. Rebecca (Allyne) (w).

abba. Percilla, 1712-1760.

Beal, Jonathan.

abbb. Elizabeth, 1717-1778.

Nichols, Thomas.

abbc. Mary, 1719-1799.

Hall, James.

abbd. Martha, 1721-1812.

Leavitt, Nehemiah.

abbe. Francis, 1723-1762.

Hobart, Sarah.

abbf. Sarah, 1725-1813.

abbg. Obadiah, 1728-1762.

abbh. Hezekiah, 1730-1814.

Lincoln, Eunice (aaffa).

abbi. Susanna, 1733-1809.

Beal, Thomas.

adaa. John, 1716-1788.

Morris, Mrs. Rebecca  
(Flowers) (w).

adab. Deborah, 1718-1720.

adac. Hannah, ?-?.

Millard, Joseph.

adad. Mary, ?-?.

Yarnall, Francis.

adae. Anne, 1725-1812.

Tallman, William.

adaf. Sarah, 1727-1810.

Boone, William.

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- adag. Mordecai, 1730-1812.  
(Webb), Mary.
- adah. Thomas, 1732-1775.  
Davis, Elizabeth.
- adai. Abraham, 1736-1806.  
Boone, Anne.
- adba. Abraham, ?-(1747).  
Hilton, Esther.
- adbb. Isaac, ?-.  
Shute, Mary.
- adbc. Jacob, 1725-1769.  
Rambo, Anne.
- adbd. Sarah, ?-.  
Pastorius, Samuel.
- adbe. Rebecca, ?-.  
Rush, Joseph.
- adbf. Mordecai, 1734-1772.  
Eels, Abiah.
- adbг. John, ?-. —
- adca. Isaac, 1717-1776.  
1. Beal, Ruth.  
2. Lincoln, Mrs. Sarah (Hobart) (w).
- adcb. Mordecai, 1719-1809.  
Calwell, Margaret.
- adfa. Obadiah, 1731-1802.  
Curtis, Jael.
- adfb. Jacob, 1733-1764.  
1. Curtis, Abigail.  
2. —, Rachel.
- adfc. Galen, 1735-?.
- adfd. Caleb, 1737-1737.
- adfe. Mary, 1738-1834.  
Ellmes, Joseph.

- adff. Abraham, 1740-1823.  
Lincoln, Sarah.
- adfg. Caleb, 1743-1827.
- adfh. Thomas, 1745-?.
- adfi. Elizabeth, 1747-1751.
- adjf. Lydia, 1749-?.  
Stodder, Simeon.

*Fifth Generation*

- aabaa. Zadock, 1744-1813.  
—, Mary.
- aabab. Deborah, 1746-1831.  
Gill, John.
- aabac. Reuben, 1749-?.
- aabad. Seth, 1751-1839.  
1. Fearing, Mary.  
2. Fearing, Mrs. Chloe (Whiton) (w).
- aabae. Mary, 1754-?.
- aabaf. Joanna, 1756-?.  
Hobart, Daniel.
- aabag. Samuel, 1758-1793.  
Hobart, Celia.
- aabah. Jane, 1761-?.  
Lincoln, Ezekiel (aabch).
- aabai. Charles, 1763-?.
- aabca. Lucy, 1746-1826.  
Beal, Benjamin.
- aabcb. Asa, 1747-1767.
- aabcc. Ruth, 1749-1774.  
Todd, Samuel.
- aabcd. Jonathan, 1750-1821.  
Nichols, Lydia.
- aabce. Frederick, 1752-1811.  
Whitmarsh, Tabitha.
- aabcf. Royal, 1754-1837.  
Waterman, Jerusha.
- aabcg. Beza, 1756-1835.  
Ward, Elizabeth.
- aabch. Ezekiel, 1759-1828.  
Lincoln, Jane (aabah).
- aabci. Susanna, 1761-1839.  
Beal, Jairus.
- aabcj. John, 1762-1842.  
Thaxter, Bethia.

- aabck. Charles, 1765-1852.  
    1. Barry, Mary.  
    2. Thaxter, Mrs. Deborah  
        (Thaxter) (w)  
        (aacde).  
    — — —
- aabha. Lydia, 1762-?.  
    1. Loring, Thomas.  
    2. Holbrook, Silas.
- aabhb. Peggy, 1766-1848.  
    Sprague, Miles.
- aabhc. Reuben, 1769-?.
- aabhd. Ruth, 1771-?.  
    Weston, James.
- aabhe. Cushing, 1773-1861.  
    1. Moody, Mrs. Roxanna  
        (Wood) (w).  
    2. Gale, Mrs. Mary  
        (South) (w).
- aabhf. Pamela, 1777-?.  
    Chandler, Joel.
- aabhg. John Barker, 1781-?.  
    — — —
- aacaa. Mary, 1742-1763.  
    Hudson, Hezekiah.
- aacab. Rebecca, 1744-1822.  
    Lincoln, Matthew (aahe).  
    — — —
- aacba. Bethia, 1746-1831.  
    Thaxter, Jonathan.
- aacbb. Enoch, 1748-1822.
- aacbc. Levi, 1749-1820.  
    Waldo, Martha.
- aacbd. Rachel, 1751-1836.  
    Thaxter, Jacob.
- aacbe. Amos, 1753-1829.  
    1. Revere, Deborah.  
    2. Revere, Elizabeth.  
    3. Robb, Mrs. Martha  
        (Howard) (w).
- aacbf. Sarah, 1754-1795.  
    Cushing, Daniel.
- aacbg. Ezra, 1756-1829.  
    Cushing, Rachel.
- aacb. Leah, 1758-1844.  
    Fearing, Hawkes.
- aaci. Jedediah, 1760-1820.  
    1. Edwards, Betsey.  
    2. Revere, Mary
- aacb. Abraham, 1762-1824.  
    Bigelow, Nancy.
- aacb. Mercy, 1764-1837.  
    Vinal, — — —
- aacd. William, 1761-1839.  
    Cushing, Jael.
- aacd. Otis, 1763-1846.  
    Thompson, Elizabeth.
- aacd. Henry, 1765-1857.  
    Crocker, Susanna.
- aacd. Solomon, 1767-1831.  
    Bates, Lydia.
- aacd. Frances, 1769-1790.  
    Thaxter, Francis.
- aacd. Christopher, 1772-1775.
- aaffa. Eunice, ?-?.  
    Lincoln, Hezekiah.
- aaffb. Susanna, ?-1819.  
    Stodder, James.
- aaffc. Olive, ?-1778.  
    Orcutt, Ephraim.
- aaffd. Winifred, ?-?.  
    Kilby, Thomas.
- aaffe. Betty, 1763-1854.  
    Pratt, Samuel.
- aafff. Elisha, ?-1830.  
    1. Beal, Susanna.  
    2. Lincoln, Mrs. Betsey  
        (James) (w).
- aaffg. Chloe, 1767-1828.  
    1. Stephenson, Francis.  
    2. Kent, Abel
- aaffh. Sally, 1772-1853.  
    Worrick, Laban.
- aaffi. Hebzibah, 1772-1857.  
    Whittington, William.
- aaffj. Lois, 1775-1853.  
    Ellmes, — — —
- abaea. Allyne, 1755-1778.  
    Tower, Persis.
- abaeb. Susanna, 1757-1826.  
    Lewis, John.
- abaec. Sarah, 1759-1837.  
    Hall, Daniel.
- abaed. Olive, 1761-1793.  
    Joy, Melzar.

- abaee. Rebecca, 1764-?.
- abaef. Rebecca, 1766-1850.  
    1. Pike, George.  
    2. Tower, Levi.
- abaeg. Christopher, 1769-1804.  
    James, Betsey.
- abbea. Jerome, 1752-1832.  
    Lincoln, Elizabeth (adfab).
- abbeb. Mary, 1755-?.
- abbec. Zenas, 1757-1820.  
    Lincoln, Mary (adfac).
- abbed. Priscilla, 1760-1841.  
    Bates, Ambrose.
- abee. Sarah, 1762-(1796).  
    Vinal, Israel.
- abbha. Hezekiah, 1779-1843.
- abbhb. Mary, 1781-?.  
    Birch, Ithel.
- abbhc. Obadiah, 1783-1844.  
    Nichols, Tamar.
- abbhd. George, 1785-1857.
- abbhe. Martha, 1791-1868.
- abbhf. Eunice, — 1795-1879.
- adaaa. Abraham, 1744-1786.  
    (Herring), Bathsheba.
- adaab. Hannah, 1748-1803.  
    Harrison, John.
- adaac. Lydia, 1748-?.  
    (Bryan).
- adaad. Isaac, 1750-1816.  
    Ward, Mary.
- adaae. Jacob, 1751-1822.  
    Robinson, Dorcas.
- adaaf. John, 1755-1835.  
    Yarnall, Mary.
- adaag. Sarah, 1757-?.  
    Dean, —.
- adaah. Thomas, 1761-(1819).  
    Casner, Elizabeth.
- adaai. Rebecca, 1767-1840.  
    Rymel, John.
- adaga. Benjamin, 1756-1821.  
    Oaves, Elizabeth.
- adagb. John, 1758-?.  
    Lafferty, Mary.
- adage. Nancy, 1759-?.  
    Giger, Jacob.
- adagd. Hannah, 1761-?.
- adage. Sarah, 1767-1838.  
    Jones, John.  
    — — —
- adaha. Hannaiah, (1756)-?.
- adahb. Thomas, 1758-1819.  
    Dickinson, Priscilla.
- adahc. Mishal, 1761-1849.  
    Thompson, Rachel.
- adahd. Sarah, ?-?.  
    Davis, Joshua.
- adahe. Mary, ?-?.
- adahf. Joseph, (1770)-1817.  
    Dickinson, Elizabeth.
- adahg. Elizabeth, — ?.
- adaia. Mary, 1761-?.
- adaib. Martha, 1763-?.
- adaic. Mordecai, 1765-1822.  
    Mayberry, Mrs. Julian  
    (Boone) (probably w.).
- adaid. James, 1767-1860.  
    Jones, Elizabeth.
- adaie. Anna, 1769-(1790).
- adaif. Rachel, 1771-1775.
- adaig. Phebe, 1773-1852.  
    1. Jones, David.  
    2. Service, Hugh.
- adaih. Ann, 1774-1824.  
    1. Glasgow, —.  
    2. Probst, George.
- adaii. Thomas, 1777-1863.  
    Dehaven, Alice.
- adaij. John, 1779-1864.  
    — — —
- adbaa. Rebecca, (1745)-?.  
    Carter, James.
- adbab. Hester, ?-?.  
    — — —
- adbea. Abraham, 1749-1811.  
    Shrum, Elizabeth.
- adbcb. Catarina, 1751-1757.

- adbcc. Anna, 1753-?.  
    Boughman, \_\_\_\_\_.  
adbcd. John, 1756-1756.  
adbce. Rebecca, 1757-1834.  
    Bravard, Ebenezer.  
adbcf. Moses, 1759-1835.  
    Kinch, Barbara.  
adbeg. Mary, 1763-1832.  
    Evans, Benjamin.  
adbch. Jacob, 1766-1822.  
    Taylor, Mary.  
adbfa. William, 1765-1847.  
    Pardee, Lois.  
adbfb. Joseph Waterman, ?-?.  
adbfc. ——, 1774-?.  
adcaa. Isaac, 1742-1744.  
adcab. Cummings, 1744-1765.  
adcac. Uriah, 1746-1826.  
    Lincoln, Mary (abbeb).  
adcad. James, 1748-1748.  
adcae. Sarah, 1749-?.  
    Lincoln, Abraham (adff).  
adcaf. James, 1752-1752.  
adcag. Ruth, 1752-1803.  
    Jenkins, James.  
adcah. Abigail, 1754-1846.  
    Nichols, Noah.  
adcai. Lazarus, 1756-1796.  
    Kilby, Fanny.  
adcaj. Mercy, 1758-1845.  
    Jenkins, Gideon.  
adcak. James, 1761-1835.  
    Mitchell, Abigail.  
adcal. Chloe, 1765-?.  
    Lincoln, Jacob (adfad).  
adcam. Cummings, 1768-1857.  
adcba. Peggy, 1748-1794.  
    Sutton, John.  
adcbb. Isaac, 1749-1749.  
adcbc. Sarah, 1750-1751.  
adcbd. Nanne, 1751-1837.  
adcbe. George, 1753-1753.  
adcbf. Sally, 1754-1833.  
    Humphrey, George.  
adcbg. Susanna, 1755-1755.  
adcbh. Susanna, 1756-1842.  
    Wallis, Ezekiel.  
adcbi. George, 1757-1757.  
adcbj. Tamar, 1759-?.  
adcbk. Mordecai, 1760-1783.  
adcbl. Mary, 1762-1852.  
adcbm. Lucena, 1763-1842.  
adfaa. Galen, 1756-?.  
    Litchfield, Olive.  
adfab. Elizabeth, 1758-?.  
    Lincoln, Jerome (abbea).  
adfac. Mary, 1760-?.  
    Lincoln, Zenas (abbec).  
adfad. Jacob, 1761-1850.  
    Lincoln, Chloe (adcal).  
adfae. Amos, 1763-1801.  
    Kilby, Huldah.  
adfaf. Ruth, 1765-1851.  
    Hayden, Benjamin.  
adfaf. Lydia, 1768-1840.  
    Stephenson, Martin.  
adfah. Obadiah, 1769-1797.  
    Vinal, Marcy.  
adfba. Mary, 1759-?.  
    Hersey, Abner.  
adffa. Abigail, 1771-1836.  
    Bates, Phineas.  
adffb. Hannah, 1772-1816.  
    Manson, Nehemiah.  
adffc. Thomas, 1774-1799.  
adffd. Ruth, 1776-1864.  
    Whitcomb, Shubaell.  
adffe. Caleb, 1779-1856.  
    1. Bicknell, Nancy.  
    2. Robbins, Elizabeth.  
adfff. Samuel, 1781-1811.  
adffg. Mordecai, 1783-1868.  
    Tower, Mrs. Ruth Willcutt  
    (w).  
adffh. Jael, 1785-1805.  
adffi. Abraham, 1788-1869.  
    Upham, Mary.  
adffj. Eleazer, 1791-1808.  
adffk. Jairus, 1794-1811.

### *Correspondence About The Colonial Lincolns*

The first information which Abraham Lincoln is known to have recorded about his Colonial ancestors is found in a letter he wrote to Solomon Lincoln (son of Solomon, aacdd) of Hingham, Massachusetts, on March 6, 1848. An excerpt from this letter follows:

"My father's name is Thomas: my grandfather was Abraham, the same as my own. My grandfather went from Rockingham County, in Virginia, to Kentucky, about the year 1782; and, two years afterwards, was killed by the Indians. We have a vague tradition, that my great-grandfather went from Pennsylvania to Virginia, and that he was a Quaker. Further back than this, I have never heard anything. It may do no harm to say that 'Abraham' and 'Mordecai' are common names in our family; while the name 'Levi', so common among the Lincolns of New England, I have not known in any instance among us."

A second letter was forwarded to Solomon Lincoln on March 24, 1848, and the same day on which Abraham wrote to Solomon Lincoln, he sent a note to David Lincoln (son of Jacob, adaae), residing in Rockingham County, Virginia, enquiring of him if he knew anything about Grandfather Abraham Lincoln and concluded with this query "also if you know where your family came from when they settled in Virginia, tracing them back as far as your knowledge extends." Another letter was sent to David Lincoln about a week later.

Some correspondence which Abraham Lincoln had with Jesse Lincoln

(son of John, adaaf), in 1854, brought out these facts: "I am the son of grandfather's youngest son, Thomas. I have often heard my father speak of his uncle Isaac residing at Watauga (I think), near where the then States of Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee join."

Another relative by the name of John Chrisman (grandson of Jacob, adaae), wrote to Lincoln about a possible relationship and received practically the same family history which had been sent to other inquirers.

Abraham Lincoln prepared an autobiographical note for J. W. Fell on December 20, 1859, in which he states with reference to his ancestors: "An effort to identify them with the New England family of the same name ended in nothing more than a similarity of Christian names in both families, such as Enoch, Levi, Mordecai, Solomon, Abraham, and the like."

In 1860, after his nomination to the Presidency, Abraham Lincoln wrote an autobiographical sketch in which he gives the most complete story about his Colonial ancestors. "The grandfather, Abraham, had four brothers—Isaac, Jacob, John, and Thomas. So far as known, the descendants of Jacob and John are still in Virginia. Isaac went to a place near where Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee join; and his descendants are in that region. Thomas came to Kentucky, and after many years died there, whence his descendants went to Missouri. Abraham, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came to Kentucky, and was killed by Indians about the year 1784. He left a widow, three sons, and two daughters."